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109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Expressing the sense of the House that Members of Congress are not immune from having their offices searched.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House that Members of Congress are not immune from having their offices searched.

Whereas Members of Congress are not above the law;

Whereas Members of Congress have a public trust to uphold;

Whereas Members of Congress are elected to represent the interests of their constituents, not to protect their own interests;

Whereas only certain legislative activities are protected from interference by the Speech or Debate Clause of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas the courts have ruled that the Speech or Debate Clause does not shield Members from investigation of and prosecution for criminal activity: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House that if
2 there is an ongoing criminal investigation into a Member
3 of Congress, then that Member's congressional office may
4 be subject to searches and seizures by appropriate execu-
5 tive branch officials in possession of a valid court order.